

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 23-29, 62-68, 73-77 and 91-95 under 35 USC 101, and rejected claims 23-29, 61-68, 73-77 and 91-95 under 35 USC §103(a). In addition, the Examiner allowed claims 72 and 96-107. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections, to expedite allowance of this application, dependent claims 62, 63, 67, 68 and 73-76 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 72, and claims 23-29, 61 and 91-95 have been cancelled from the application without prejudice or disclaimer. However, Applicants actions should not be considered as an agreement, admittance or acquiescence to the rejections.

In addition, new claims 108-121 have been added to the application. Claims 62-68, 72-77 and 96-121 are pending in the application, of which claims 72 and 96-107 have already been allowed. The newly added claims 108-121 are also in condition for allowance, as claim 108 includes many of the features in allowed claim 72.

Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3874.

Respectfully submitted,



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